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PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No. : 09/406,575 Confirmation No.: 1763  
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For : MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND  
FASTENERS  
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before June 6, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00, in payment of the one-month extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.